

Handloom Societies

6686. SHRI KACHARU BHARU RAUT : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of handloom societies working in Maharashtra at present;

(b) the amount of financial assistance provided to these societies by the Government during the last two years; and

(c) the schemes under which the said assistance is being provided to the above societies and the details of the guidelines issued in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) :

(a) At present 1755 Handloom Cooperative Societies are functioning in the State of Maharashtra.

(b) and (c) During the year 1995-96 and 1996-97 financial assistance of Rs. 9.18 crores and Rs. 4.27 crores has been provided under the following Handloom schemes :-

Project Package, Integrated Handloom Village Development, Hank Yarn Price Subsidy, Janata Cloth, Health Package, Handloom Development Centre, Market Development Assistance, Margin Money for Destitute Weaver, Workshop-cum-Housing and Jute Handloom Development Centre Scheme.

The pattern of financial assistance varies from scheme to scheme.

Trade with China

6687. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :-

(a) whether the two-way trade between India and China in 1996 was increased by 20.9 per cent in comparison to 1995;

(b) If so, whether India-China economic relations has decided to launch an Industrial and Technical Exhibition of India in Beijing;

(c) if so, whether the China Science and Technology Centre and Wisitex Foundation of India are jointly organising the exhibition;

(d) if so, whether his Ministry has allowed the

exhibition as a joint step to boost trade and industrial relations between the two countries; and-

(e) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the Indo-China trade during 1997-98 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The steps proposed to improve Indo-China trade during 1997-98 include holding of meeting of Indo-China Joint Economic Group on Economic Relations, trade, Science & Technology; increased participation in Trade Fairs to increase awareness in both countries and exposure of India's and China's technological capabilities to each others' traders; identification of items, technologies and sectors with scope for furthering exports and initiating appropriate policy initiatives, and disseminating information about China's import requirements to our exporters and vice versa.

[Translation]

Export of Oil Seeds

6688. SHRI NITISH KUMAR :

JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total-quantity of oil seeds exported and the foreign exchange earned therefrom during each of the last three years, country-wise;

(b) whether oil seeds have also been imported during the above period;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the total quantity of oil seeds imported and the expenditure incurred thereon; and

(d) the estimated quantum of oil seeds likely to be exported and the foreign exchange earned therefrom during 1997-98 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) to (c) The total quantity and value of Oilseeds exported and imported during the last three years are as follows :-